Losses due to change in dealership policy

†1729. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various oil companies had directly appointed some dealers of diesel/petrol/kerosene oil during 2002-2003 and till now;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to sudden restriction on such appointments huge amount of various oil companies and dealers has got blocked; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002 and consequent dissolution of the Dealer Selection Boards thereafter, some public sector oil companies have taken action for selection of dealers for retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps) as per the respective policies drafted by them. Further action will be taken by the companies after finalisation of the policy/guidelines in this regard.

Revision in prices of petroleum products

1730. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times, prices of petroleum products were revised during the last six months;

(b) the price of each product during each revision; and

(c) the reasons for revising the prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) With the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the

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